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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS FARIBAULT SEX OFFENDER** *Illegal alien assaulted 14-year-old girl*

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers here yesterday deported a Mexican criminal alien convicted of sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl in Faribault.

Miguel Duran-Lobato, 21, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree in Rice County District Court in February 2003.



ICE special agents located him while he was serving his sentence for the crime and placed a “detainer” on him so that ICE would be notified before his was released from prison. ICE special agents routinely coordinate with other law enforcement agencies, and conduct checks of prisons and jails to locate criminal aliens serving sentences for their crimes. ICE apprehends and deports them before they’re returned to U.S. streets.

According to a criminal complaint filed in district court, the victim, who was 14 at the time of the crime, met Duran-Lobato in downtown Faribault. He drove her around town, and then brought her to the building where he lived and pulled her into his apartment. Though the girl repeatedly told Duran-Lobato to stop, he forced her into his bedroom, locked the door, and sexually assaulted her. The victim later identified Duran-Lobato from a photo lineup.

“Removing dangerous sexual predators from our communities is a top priority for ICE, and is part of our effort to restore integrity to the nation’s immigration system,” said Mark Cangemi, special agent in charge of the ICE office in Bloomington. “Those who commit such offenses are on notice—we will find you, arrest you and deport you.”

Duran-Lobato told investigators that he had illegally entered the United States with the aid of a smuggler, whom he paid \$1,200.

Duran-Lobato's arrest and deportation is part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers. Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 6,000 individuals, including 190 in Minnesota.

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. Investigators staff this hotline around the clock.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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